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INFO

IDEALIST LIFE SUPPORT

SUBJ: 6 LINE PARACHUTE MODIFICATION

REF: DTD 16 OCT 69

HAS REVIEWED BOTH THE FOUR LINE CUT AND

THE SIX LINE PARACHUTE MODIFICATION, DISCUSSED IN REF MESSAGE,  
WITH SEVERAL PILOTS WHO HAVE HAD EJECTION  
EXPERIENCE AS WELL AS A SAC PILOT WITH EJECTION EXPERIENCE  
FROM A U-2C AIRCRAFT. ALL ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT DUE TO  
LACK OF JUMPING EXPERIENCE, MOST PILOTS WOULD DO MORE  
HARM THAN GOOD IN ATTEMPTING TO MANEUVER THE PARACHUTE  
CANOPY BY CUTTING OR RELEASING PARACHUTE SHROUD LINES  
AND SUBSEQUENT MANIPULATION OF THE RISERS.

IT IS ALSO FELT THAT THE PILOT WILL BE UNDER A HIGH  
EMOTIONAL STRAIN AND WILL BE TOO BUSY TO DO MORE THAN  
PERFORM NECESSARY LIFE SAVING FUNCTIONS.

IN ADDITION, IDEALIST PILOTS ARE ENCUMBERED BY THEIR  
PRESSURE SUITS WHICH WOULD MAKE RISER MANEUVERING MOST  
DIFFICULT.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, DOES NOT REPEAT NOT  
RECOMMEND THE SUBJECT MODIFICATION FOR IDEALIST USE.

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